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A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Study Ocean Current Plan Winchester Man To Drift Many Months

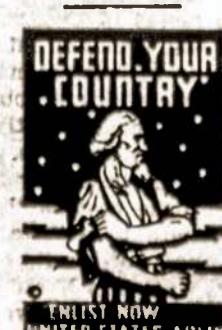
Jesse A. Buffum plans to spend probably, some eighteen months, with two other men, aboard a small boat, without using sail or other motive power, although equipped for emergency, adrift in the Atlantic ocean for the purpose of studying the natural drift of the ocean current. The trip will begin at the Canary Islands, where the ketch will be well stocked with provisions. The boat will be made buoyant and carries a radio. Persons who are familiar with the mapping of the deep waters, will remember that the ocean currents are indicated by direction lines and arrows, and it is this sort of thing that Mr. Buffum will seek to accomplish. Heretofore general direction of currents has been ascertained by the use of bottles or by surface indication of ships passing thru them. The boat will be named the "Gulf Nairn", 15 feet long and draws eight feet of water. Those on board will have a busy time to keep their records and prepare the drawings of their travels. They will have with them all the latest modern scientific equipment. Through the radio, weather conditions will be reported each day and other studies which are made will be announced. Cooperation is afforded through the various organizations of the government and private foundations in the study of oceanography. It is expected the expedition will get under way in the spring. Recently the newspapers gave considerable space to the story. The expedition will be of much interest to many here, for Mr. Buffum is a native of Winchester, N. H., and his mother, who recently observed her 86th birthday is a resident there. Mrs. Carroll Rich of West Northfield and Mrs. Clarence H. Spaulding of Winchester, road of this town are sisters, and a brother Warren resides at Winchester. Mr. Buffum also has a son, Howard, who is a student at Mt. Hermon school. When you look at your maps of the world, especially those of the seas there will now be the added interest, to know that they were made with the facts secured by the study and interest of a native, so far as the ocean currents are indicated.

Fifty Years A Mason Given Gold Button

From Philadelphia, we are informed that Samuel Shaw, who resides there and is a summer resident of Northfield, with a home on South Main street, was presented with a solid gold button, in recognition of his service of 50 years as a member of the Masonic fraternity. The presentation was made at the Masonic Temple by George H. Detwiler, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Mr. Shaw has been for over 25 years, treasurer of Melita Lodge of Philadelphia and for 27 years has served as secretary of Melita chapter. He is a Past Master of Melita Lodge and a Past High Priest of Melita chapter. Friends of the fraternity are extending congratulations.

Has Fractured Wrist

Our genial and esteemed rural free delivery carrier, Henry A. Johnson, is nursing a fractured wrist and hand at his home on Parker avenue, during this Christmas season. Last week Wednesday while on his route, making his usual deliveries of mail, he was held up by an overhanging limb a dozen feet hanging limb and in his effort to remove the same, slipped on the ice and fell, sustaining what proved to a very bad fracture. Lewis Wood, who is a substitute carrier was called in and is making the daily RFD deliveries of the mail.



B-I-N-G-O
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Earthquake Grumbling Last Friday Morning Disturbed Our Slumber

It waen't very serious, but the earthquake tremors early last Friday morning, to be exact at 2:27 a. m., was enough to disturb the slumbers of many of our citizens and make them wonder what it was all about. Most folks, who were awake say it seemed as if a sudden rush of wind had struck their homes and the house trembled for the few minutes it prevailed. Many a man, went down to look at his furnace, fearing an explosion, others went outside but found the night calm and silent. Explanation was sought from the telephone exchange, but to no avail. However all decided it was an earthquake and not so far from home. The sound was that of a muffled crash with slight rumblings. Some of our good folks slept through it all and had to be awakened with the facts by their friends in the morning. In many homes it is said cats scampered, and dogs howled to awaken the household. It was not until Friday afternoon that some authentic accounts were given by the newspapers. The shock was felt quite severely from Northampton to Concord, N. H., especially to buildings and homes on the rock formations, and from the seismologist and as a result of hasty investigation, the center of the disturbance was located in New Hampshire in the Lake Ossipee region, probably many miles underground. At West Ossipee, Chocurua and Tamworth was found the greatest amount of damage to homes, where chimneys suffered, walls and ceilings cracked, and furnishings were shifted. No known damage resulted anywhere in this town from the shock, but inhabitants are now adding to the record of their experience in a flood and through a hurricane, the experience of a quake.

The Young People's Forum Christmas party will be held on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. For the merriest evening ever, come and bring a 10-cent wrapped package for exchanging. Don't miss the party!

ELECTRIC 4-H'ER



HELPING to organize an electrical club in Templeton, Mass., learning how to rebuild lamps, wiring plugs, splicing wire, and to wire farm buildings for electricity, earned Robert Hayumaki, 18, of Gardner, Worcester county, a place in the state's delegation to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, held early in December. * * * The activities were a part of his participation in the 10th National 4-H Rural Electrification contest, conducted in cooperation with the extension service. * * * Through studying electricity and electrical appliances, Robert is now prepared to wire buildings on his parents' farm to light the home and poultry houses, when rural electrification is made available in his community. * * * The Chicago trip was given by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, which also provided six \$200 scholarships as prizes for national winners.

Refugee Children Here

Northfield Seminary campus, usually deserted at the Christmas season, is the scene of a lively house party this year. Twenty British refugee children between the ages of 12 and 14 arrived Monday chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ian Tullis to spend Christmas and New Year's in Moore cottage. They will remain until January 5 when they will return to their foster homes.

Red Cross Garments Made By Local Women



READY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE FAREWELL 1940 — WELCOME 1941

Fortnightly Has Talk About "Mirror Magic"

"Mirror Magic" was the title of an illustrated talk presented at the meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon at Alexander hall. Mrs. E. J. Livingston read the text, which had been prepared by a competent authority. The central theme of the lecture emphasized the dramatic effects produced by the use of mirrors in interior decoration. Miss Ruth Field sang two Christmas carols, "Holy Night" and "Bring a Torch Tonight Isabella" accompanied on the piano by Miss Carol Smith. Members of the club brought gifts to be distributed to children in the town by the Health Council. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be at Alexander hall, Friday afternoon, Jan. 8, when Miss Patricia Barry of Northampton, will present monologues and character readings from modern plays.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Mary Jane Purrington, daughter of Mrs. Leroy Purrington of 19 Highland avenue and the late Mr. Purrington, to James A. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Carpenter of Hartford, Conn. has been announced by her mother. Miss Purrington graduated from Mt. Holyoke college in the class of 1940. Her biography appeared in the 1939-40 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Miss Purrington is at present secretary of the State Street Congregational church of Portland, Maine. Mr. Carpenter prepared at Kingwood and was graduated from Dartmouth college and the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard university. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Carpenter is special agent in Charlestown, W. Va. for the National Fire Insurance company of Hartford.

A New Radio Station

The Federal Communications Commission has approved the plans for another new radio station in the Connecticut Valley and construction was started for a broadcasting station, to be known as WHYN at Holyoke, this week. The transmitter and main studio will be located on North Canal street, South Hadley Falls. There will be a 170-foot steel tower and the station will operate on a full time basis, with 250 watts at 1370. The corporation will be known as the Hampden-Hampshire company, of which William Dwight of Holyoke is president. The station will add another to the selective list of Northfield radio listeners.

Appeal Greek Relief from Friends Here

An opportunity will be provided for friends here to contribute to the appeal for Greek War Relief. A local honorary committee will be named with an active committee for solicitation. An authoritative poster is displayed at the bookstore and Mrs. Jessie Hyde will receive any subscriptions. The appeal has been announced in both Brattleboro and Greenfield and active committees have been formed. Over \$2000 has been raised in Brattleboro and about \$600 in Greenfield to date. The natives of Greece certainly deserve our consideration in the wonderful defense of their nation. Their sick and wounded merit our support to our ability to contribute.

Congregational Church

The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. The preaching service will be at 11 and the preacher will be Rev. Mabel Makepeace. Young People's Forum will be held at 7:30. The Christian Endeavor society devotional committee will have charge of the service. Topic, Prophecy and the Present Day.

The midweek service will be Thursday evening at 7:15, and the leader will be I. J. Lawrence. Choir rehearsal at 8 o'clock.

Schools Get Bequest

In the filing of the will of the late Miss Henrietta A. Allen, of Springfield, who died recently, it has been learned that she left many bequests to various organizations and associations. In the list of beneficiaries is the Northfield schools with an amount of \$2000. Miss Allen was 79 years old and a resident of Springfield. The Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust company and John A. Webster are the executors.

Last Saturday, was officially the first day of winter, and also the shortest day of the year. However, the fact was given much consideration.

Birds In England

So long as there remains one winging hawk Voicing its ecstasy to England's sky; So long as English eyes can lift and mark A birds' high courage, hope can never die.

If one small feathered throat can sing through fire, If wings can make their way through dropping flame, The spirit of England can rise high, and higher, Hearing the song, knowing the way it came.

And should there be but one lone sparrow left Chirping its heart out on the shattered air, The heart of England need not be bereft, A watching God still holds within His care The hawk above, the sparrow, small and gray, Brave England you are valued more than they! — (Grace Noll Crowell in Washington Star).

Decorations Festive About The Town Now Indoors and Outdoors

The homes in Northfield along our highways have been well illuminated during this Christmas season, and visitors have commented that more of our citizens have made displays than in former years. Some of the lighting has been commendable and if prizes were to be awarded for exceptional display, the committee would have a hard time to arrive at their decisions. From the lower farms district, up through East Northfield as well as at West Northfield, there are pleasing exhibits. The Northfield Hotel, the Valley Vista Inn have lighted trees and the Seminary campus is showing its magnificent large illuminated tree also. Bronson's Inn has a blue light at every window, while Masons transient home has a red light at each window. It is well worth the time it takes to make a pilgrimage along our various thoroughfares, by walk or in auto to view the illuminated homes. Each decoration has its own appeal. From the modest white candles in the windows or from the simple showing of the faint blue light, to the richness and brilliancy of the collection and assembly of color, the effect produces the Christmas spirit, and we all have it, in some form or manner. Perhaps the most unique decoration of Christmas is at the Northfield Hotel, where over the entrance has been hung a large bell, fully covered with greens and lights, and which when pulled by a rope clangs out a cheery message of greeting to all comers. The bell is the one which formerly hung in the belfry of East hall on the seminary campus. Also at the entrance doors are festoons and two large candies in red which glow with a cheery light. Inside the hotel there are many Christmas decorations and an interesting display in the dining room of greens and cones on a table and immense wreaths on the walls.

The Governor's Greeting

A Christmas greeting to the people of the Commonwealth was extended by Gov. Saltonstall.

The Christmas message follows:

"As Governor I wish to extend

Christmas greetings

on behalf of the Commonwealth

to the citizens of Massachusetts. And I add my own

warmest personal regards.

"In these times of world wide

violence, our best hope for peace

on earth and good will to men is

solemn remembrance of the day

so long ago when Christ was

brought to this earth the spirit of brotherly love. If we

all remember His teachings, then

we may indeed have cause to look

forward to a Happy New Year."

A personal greeting message

was received from Governor and

Mrs. Saltonstall by the Editor of

the Press.

TOWN TOPICS

Clarence W. Hayden of Orange was elected to the office of president of the County Assessors association at its recent meeting. Mr. Hayden is well known and has many friends in this town. He has visited here frequently and was an unsuccessful candidate for county commissioner in the recent election.

Local stockholders will be grateful for the announced dividend of the Millers Falls Tool Co., which they will receive this month. A 25-cent dividend was voted last June and this dividend will be 50 cents a new high of 75 cents for many years.

Paul Wilson of Mt. Hermon school will sponsor a French dinner at the Champlain Restaurant in New York City this weekend of faculty members and students of the French department, and in the evening attend the showing of a French movie.

The Girl Scout council holds its benefit dance this evening at the town hall, with music by the Bergerons. Members of the Girl Scouts conducted the sale of tickets and a large attendance is expected.

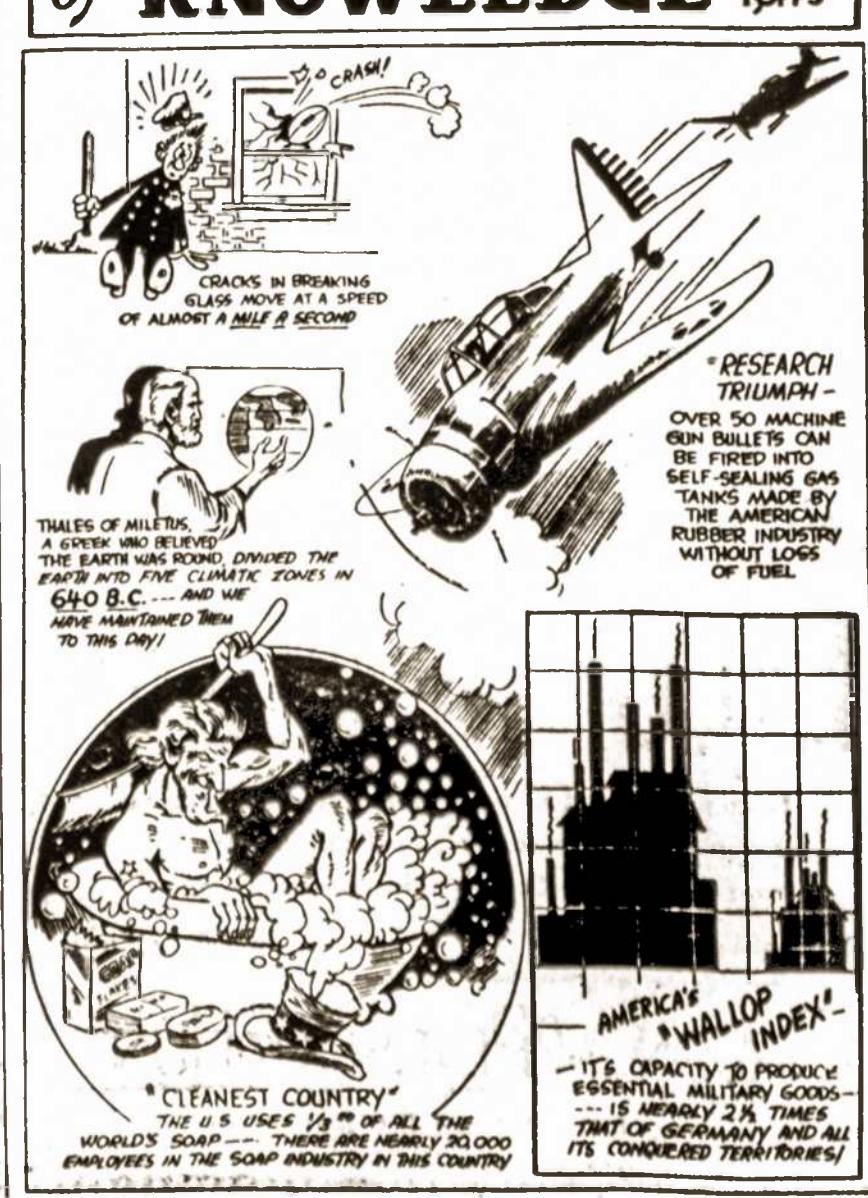
SCHOOL'S OUT WATCH OUT



National Safety Council

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

TOPPS



NEW YEAR'S DINNER at THE NORTHFIELD

12:30 to 2:30

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Local radio listeners will hear President Roosevelt in one of his fireside talks Sunday evening at 9:30. It is expected he will speak of national and foreign policies. Milford B. Andrews has been drawn as a grand juror and Joseph W. Field as a traverse juror for the January sessions of superior court by our selectmen at their recent meeting.

Joseph Butynski of Rye, N. Y., was a visitor at the home of his parents over Christmas.

Ted Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell will spend the Christmas holiday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard at Rye, N. Y.

The examiners from the state auditing department are expected to arrive in town about the first of the month to audit the books of the town.

Surveyors from the state highway department continue to study the improvement of the highway at the brook crossing at the Congregational church and the approaches. Several stakes have been driven to mark a possible new location, when the highway is rebuilt.

The new Center school has reached the stage where it indicates its finished appearance. The roof is on and ready for the slate. The colonial cupola is in place in the center. Many favorable comments have been heard as the work progresses, and very little criticism comes from the kibitzers.

About twenty-five of the young people of the Congregational church went about town last Sunday evening, singing carols, especially to the shut-ins and the sick.

Mrs. June Wright, who is teaching in Lexington, is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright for the holiday season.

Julian Bugbee has been taken to the Northampton hospital for treatment and observation.

Our postoffice employees had a busy time of it during the Christmas rush, but with many disturbing factors, came out "on top" and are now back to normal.

Local depositors and friends who visit the Vermont Peoples National bank at Brattleboro will miss the familiar greeting of its Cashier, Charles A. Brown, who died after a brief illness at the hospital on Wednesday of last week. He had been connected with the bank for the past ten years.

Little Rosemary Mroczek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mroczek of Maple street, who was seriously injured two months ago by being struck by an automobile on Main street, and who has been at the Franklin County hospital, was returned to her home last weekend. She has made a fine improvement, but will be confined to her bed for some weeks yet.

Kenneth Walker, young son of Mrs. Frances Walker of Hinsdale road, is in the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for medical treatment.

Willie: Can't you give me another name, mother?

Mother: Why?

Willie: My teacher is always saying she will keep after school as sure as my name is Willie.

Political Speaker: All we need do, my friends, is to keep a working majority.

Voice from the rear: You're wrong there. What this country needs is a majority working.

Judge: But why did you break into the same shop three nights running?

Defendant: Well, it was a dream for my wife—and I had to change it twice.

Mildred: Does that lipstick come off easily?

Harriet: No, indeed. I always put up a struggle.

Mother: Johnny, I'll have you behave yourself when you're at home. What would your teacher say if you acted like that at school?

Johnny: She'd say, behave yourself — remember you're not at home now.

Try the following recipe several times this year — each time using a different berry. You'll be surprised at the difference in flavor yet uniform excellence of the dessert.

Fresh Fruit Tapioca
4 to 5 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca

1/2 cup fruit juice and water

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup sliced or crushed fresh fruit

1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Sweeten 2 cups sliced or crushed fruit and let stand 1/2 hour. Drain; add water to juice to make 2 1/2 cups.

Combine tapioca, fruit juice and water, sugar and salt in saucepan and mix well. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. (Mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.) Add fruit and lemon juice. Cool, stirring occasionally — mixture thickens as it cools. Chill. Serves 6 to 8.

Use any fruit in this recipe, i.e., fresh strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, etc.

RFB MA-2

The many voices of the Army must be carried underground, overland, and through the air by the vital equipment of the Signal Corps. Enlisted men are extensively trained in all phases of communications for service with this branch. Above, a class at the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, N. J., takes notes on an electrical communication.

The Back Yard Gardener By G. O. Gleason

If I only had a line like the announcers on the air, I could truly give a Christmas wish to you folks and still have plenty of stuf to spare. But since I haven't their line, I'm going to say that I hope the New Year will bring you a garden full of flowers early next spring. I hope you'll have snowdrops, hyacinths, and daffodils too; that you'll raise petunias, peonies, and iris in blue.

Brotherly spirit at Christmas time of course is really sublime, but flowers in the garden day after day are more in my line. You can share them with your old friends or the new folks you happen to meet.

With a garden of roses, folks, your troubles and strife will vanish just like a smoke ring from the bowl of your pipe. So this is my wish. It may be a bit shocking, but I sincerely hope that 25-10 is the size of your stocking. And into it, folks, I'm going to ask Santa to place a garden of flowers with beauty and grace, and with them I know each day of the year you'll find health, plenty of wealth, and lots of good cheer.

A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the Back Yard Gardener.

SHEAR NONSENSE

Examiner: What makes you qualified for a position in the diplomatic corps?

Applicant: Well, I've been married 20 years and my wife still thinks I have a sick friend.

Neighbor: What pretty hair you have. Get it from your mother, don't you?

Jean: No, I suppose I got it from daddy. His is all gone.

"You don't make very good music with that instrument," said bystander to the man with the base drum, as the band ceased to play.

"No," admitted the drum pounder, "I know I don't; but I drown a heap of bad music."

Whiffenpoof: What is your favorite illustrated paper?

Spree: My choice is the \$10 bill. It's big enough to buy something worthwhile and isn't so big that nobody will change it.

George: How did you lose your hair?

Jack: Worry.

George: What did you worry about?

Jack: About losing my hair.

He: I've just met your brother, and he had a pinched look.

She: I wonder why?

He: He was between two policemen.

Barber: Your hair needs cutting badly.

Customer: Not this time it doesn't. You cut it badly last time.

Nit: I hear you are marrying the woman who owns the house at the corner. A good choice if I may say so.

Wit: Ah, so you know the house?

Father: I saw you kissing that young man goodnight last night. Don't you know that kissing is a good way to transmit germs?

Daughter: Good! Gosh, it's a perfect way!

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West Northfield and South Vernon

A number of South Vernon residents are ill or have been ill recently. Mr. Brown, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Harris, is ill with pneumonia. Ernest Dean is recovering slowly. Joseph Langus is very ill at his home. Harold Gould is improving after an operation. A. E. Baker suffered a slight shock recently. Mrs. Inez Brown is confined to the house with a severe cold. Mrs. M. C. Houghton has been reported ill at the Brattleboro hospital.

Christmas exercises at the South schoolhouse were held last Thursday evening. Parents and friends were in attendance.

A daughter was born Dec. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moore of Greenfield at the Franklin county hospital. The little girl is a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Wing of West Northfield.

Mrs. Julia Ennis and Mrs. Mary Johnson are spending the holiday season in Amherst, after which Mrs. Ennis will be with Mrs. Carrie Britton in Springfield.

The wedding of Miss Gincie Eleonore Bruce of South Vernon and Brattleboro and Carlton L. Smith of Brattleboro and Schenectady, N. Y. will take place next Sunday at 4 at the First Baptist church in Brattleboro. Rev. Ellis E. Jones will perform the ceremony.

Walerian Mile is visiting relatives in Bridgeport, Ct. He expects to meet there his nephew, now a theological student in Michigan who arrived a few months ago from White Russia, until recently a part of Poland. The young man, an American citizen, has been in Poland several years, but was obliged to return to the United States to continue his study for the priesthood, since the seminary there was closed.

Miss Lilly Zaluzny of New York City is visiting her uncle, Harry Zaluzny and family.

Through the courtesy of Earl Williams, a program of vocal and instrumental music was given at the South Vernon church Sunday night by the Deleno brothers trio and Mr. Colby of Hinckdale, N. H.

The South Vernon junior choir also sang. In place of the regular sermon, a Christmas pageant, "The Friend of the Prince," was presented under the direction of James Lyons, assisted by Warren Brown. The following persons took part: John and Ralph Lyons, Warren Brown, Glenn Johnson, Alme Dunklee, Peter Skib, Jr., James Lyons, Andrew Stacy, Ernest Dunklee, Gertrude Gibson, Mildred Dunklee, Georgia Holton, Barbara Holton, Phyllis Ingram, Doris and Earlene Williams, Bessie Dunklee and Gladys Gould.

The annual Christmas exercises were held Monday evening at the South Vernon church. There was a program of recitations and exercises by members of the junior and primary classes, a song by the junior choir, a trumpet solo by Henry Martineau, a clarinet solo by Alfred Dunklee, a violin solo by Glen Murray, and a vocal solo by Rev. Mr. White. Mrs. George Day presented Mr. White with a sum of money as a gift from the people of the church and community. Gifts were taken from the Christmas tree and oranges and candy boxes were distributed to the children.

Mrs. E. F. White returned to the parsonage Monday evening after an absence of several weeks.

Tentative plans are being made for a band concert and other music by a group of Boston men, Jan. 18 and 19 if overnight lodgings and board can be secured for them with the people of the community.

Church notices: Sunday, morning worship at 10:30, with sermon by the pastor; Sunday school at 11:45. This is the closing date of the attendance contest; Loyalty Workers at 6:30. The South Vernon people will unite with the Vernon Union church Sunday evening at 7:30 for a candlelight service at Vernon. There will be no evening meeting at South Vernon. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7 at the Vernon Home.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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BEST WISHES FOR 1941

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Mrs. Duff: What is it?

Mrs. Wimpus: An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor.

Johnny: Thank you for the balloon, uncle.

Uncle: Oh, it was a very small gift, my dear!

Johnny: That's what I thought, but mother said I was to thank you just the same!

The Annual
TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEB. 3rd

Mark Your
Calendar Now and
Plan To Attend

DELAND'S MUSIC STORE

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Franklin County's Musical Center

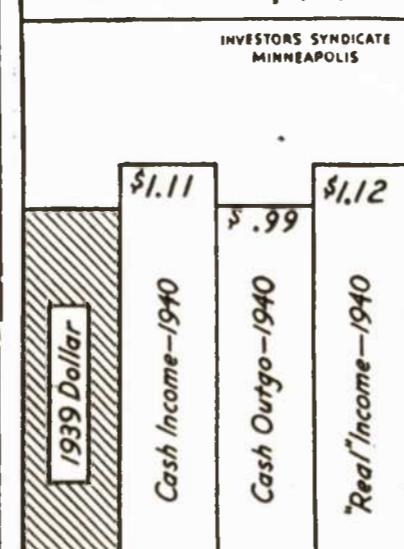
The Victoria Theatre Greenfield

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28, on the stage, five acts of selected vaudeville; on the screen, "When the Dalton's Rode" with Randolph Scott and Kay Francis.

Sunday through Tuesday, Dec. 29-31, "The Under-pup" with Robert Cummings and Nan Grey; also "Billy the Kid, Outlawed" with Bob Steele.

American Income Rises
12 Cents; Living Costs
Below 1939 Levels

PURCHASING POWER
OCTOBER, 1940, Compared
with OCTOBER, 1939



THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in national income changes in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in October had a "real income" of \$1.12, or an increase of twelve cents on the dollar over the same 1939 month. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures, but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in October was \$1.11 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of eleven cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up thirteen cents and salaries six cents; investment income was up thirteen cents and other income was up eleven cents on the dollar.

Rents in October were a cent higher than a year ago, and so was clothing. Foods were three cents lower, but miscellaneous items were up one cent, making living expenses one cent below a year ago.

We Extend to Our Customers and Friends
The Best Wishes For A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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TOWN TOPICS

Miss Betty Kahl of the Deaconess hospital in Boston, was at the home of her parents here for Christmas.

Miss Emma Bigelow, formerly of this town recently graduated from the Thompson training school for nurses connected with the Brattleboro hospital.

Carroll Eikert, Jr. of New York City is spending the holiday season with his parents at Mt. Hermon.

Students who are at college but spending Christmas with their parents, include Miss Lois Piper from Green Mountain, Miss Naomi Rikert from Oberlin, Milton Wilde from Albion, Robert Birdsall from Yale, Dean Carmean from Colgate, and Rolfe Carmean from Northeastern.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. D. Ward of Lebanon, N. H. spent the recent holiday with Mrs. A. H. Mattoon and daughter, Miss Anne Mattoon.

Seth Field of Gloversville, N. Y. was at his home here for Christmas day.

Miss Beverly Briesmaster, a student nurse in Brooklyn, N. Y. is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Robert deVeer was at Valley Vista Inn last week and spent Christmas with friends and relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gray and twin daughters, Lorraine and Dorothy of Bellairs, N. Y. are spending the Christmas week at Valley Vista Inn with their relatives, the Briesmasters.

Harold Briesmaster is spending the winter in San Diego, Calif., and is at present working in a hotel.

The pupils of Center school gave a fine Christmas entertainment in the town hall last Friday afternoon, which consisted of two short plays, music and recitations. Parents and friends who attended say that the program was especially well rendered and that the pupils did remarkably well.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps of Meadow street announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Margaret Phelps, to Albert Leon Cembalisty also of this town.

Robert B. Marr, who is teaching English at Mt. Hermon school has resigned to enlist for training in the aviation corps of the United States forces.

Elwin Bogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogue of Dalton, formerly of Mt. Hermon, is now enrolled in the aviation corps of the Army as a machinist, and is stationed at Savannah, Ga.

A recent check-up of the various properties of our summer residents on the hillside, reveals that there has been no trespassing noted anywhere. The roads are almost impassable owing to the ice and snow.

Rev. David Tomkins has resumed his preaching at Grace Methodist church in Turners Falls, and last Sunday occupied the pulpit for the first time since his illness.

Rev. Mabel Makepeace of this town, will preach at the services next Sunday morning at the Congregational church.

The first week of January, the 5th to 11th, will be the "Week of Prayer" and will be observed at the Congregational church in a series of district meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph, Jr., and family of Westfield, N. J. spent the Christmas season with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Tomkins at their home on Winchester avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Main street entertained the Thomas Parker family on Christmas day.

The Northfield hotel entertained a large number of guests for dinner on Christmas day, many of whom tarried to enjoy the social atmosphere of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston with their little son, enjoyed Christmas in a family gathering at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor Polhemus of Boston spent the Christmas season with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson and family spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove W. Deming spent the holiday week with relatives in Storrs, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon are at the home of her mother, Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead.

Norman Miller, who is located at Watervliet, N. Y. was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Zarella Miller this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Truesdell and family spent Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Truesdell of Bernardston.

We have seen and studied many Christmas greeting cards which have passed through the mails this season. Some are beautiful and works of art, but the most unique coming to our attention is the card of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, which has a photograph of their dog, Sandy, a familiar dog to many here, and also a picture of their cat, who convey the greetings of the family.

Calvin Field was at his home here from Purdue, for the holiday season. His cousin Thomas Parker from New York was a guest at the house.

Miss Lillian Alexander of Boston visited her mother, Mrs. L. R. Alexander and her sister Mrs. Eastman, for Christmas.

Rev. W. E. Parker, president and George McEwan, assistant treasurer, represented the Northfield schools at the 18th annual meeting of the Association of Business Officers of Preparatory Schools at Andover last week. Mr. McEwan is treasurer of the association and 28 out of 29 member schools were represented at the meeting.

Miss Grace E. Doolittle of Scarsdale, N. Y. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Doolittle of Ashuelot road.

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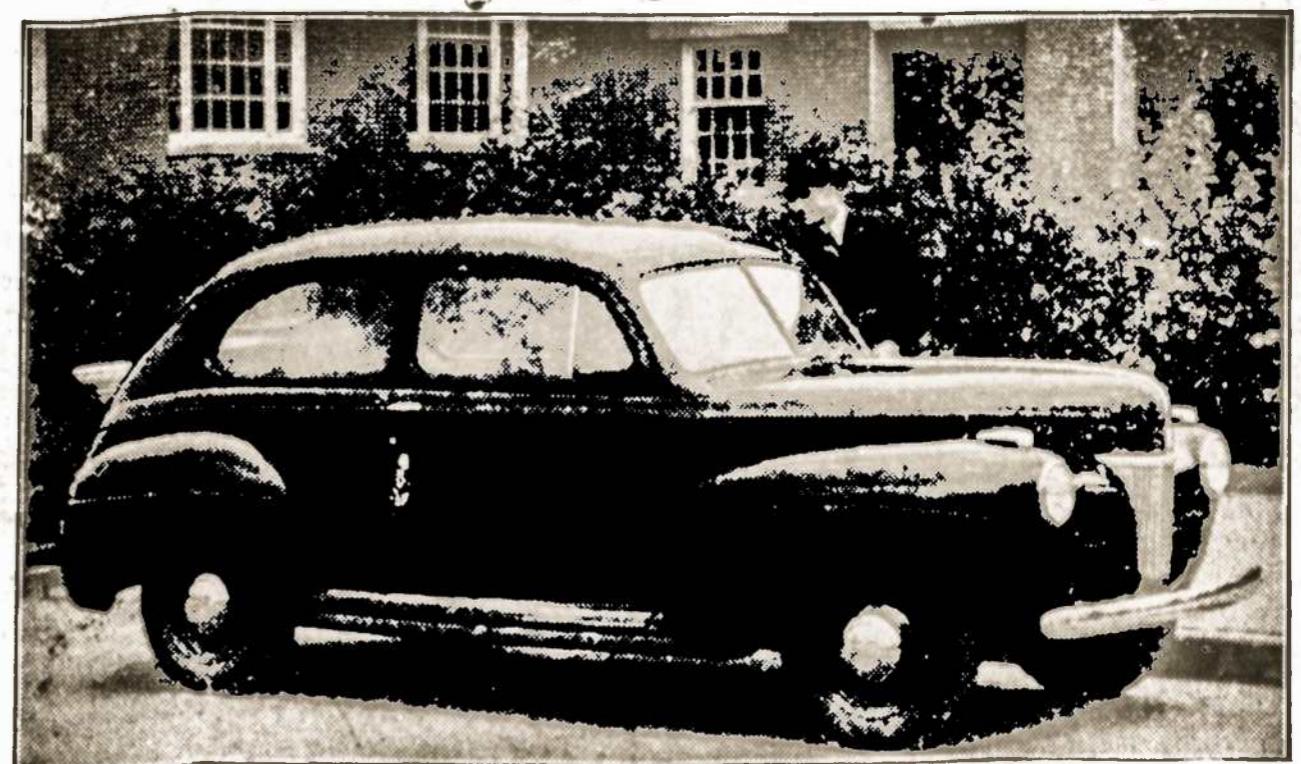
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